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**REPLY: SUBMISSION OF CERTIFIED TRANSLATION OF PRIORITY  
APPLICATION, AND REMARKS INCLUDING REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Randolph Building, **Mail Stop: Amendment**  
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Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action mailed April 17, 2008, in which the allowability of claims 5 and 8 have been withdrawn, and all the claims in the application, i.e., claims 1, 5 and 8, have been rejected on the basis of obviousness under Section 103. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims define not only novel subject matter, but also unobvious subject matter, and therefore the rejections should be withdrawn. Such is respectfully requested.